

Facts about Science.gov

Science.gov contains reliable resources selected by 12 science agencies as their best science information. Two major types of information are included—selected authoritative science Web sites and often hard-to-access scientific databases (the specific content varies by database).

An interagency [working group](#) of 17 scientific and technical information organizations within the 12 major science agencies govern *Science.gov*. Together these agencies make up the *science.gov Alliance*, a voluntary coalition of U.S. federal agencies and programs dedicated to providing the science attentive citizen with access to scientific and technical information and services.

Science.gov 1.0 was launched in December 2002, and for the first time allowed wide access and cross-search of the government's vast stores of scientific information. Version 2.0 was launched by Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham in May 2004, and introduced relevancy ranking to government science search.

Science.gov provides:

- Web access to more than 47 million pages of government science information
- One-click search capability to selected databases and Web sites from 17 organizations within 12 U.S. government science agencies.
- Authoritative information on today's science and technology
- Real-time results, with progress bar to indicate search status
- Results ranked by relevance
- Option to sort results by source
- Advanced search option
- Expanded exploration by topic option
- Efficient access and search

Science.gov is widely considered:

- A unique collaborative initiative across federal government science agencies
- The "go-to" Web portal for government science information
- The [FirstGov](#) for Science
- A gateway to government science information
- A success in promoting the President's [E-gov](#) Strategy

Science.gov is supported by:

- A unique, voluntary coalition called the *Science.gov Alliance*, with principals from the contributing agencies
- [CENDI](#), an interagency working group of senior Scientific and Technical Information (STI) Managers from [11 U.S. federal agencies](#)

Science.gov quotes and notes:

- [Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham](#)
- Press and [Communications](#)

